

Application No. 10/088,741
Reply dated July 30, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Description of amendments

Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 18-24 are now pending and under examination. Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claims 24-27 in claims 1, 10, and 18, respectively, and deleted claims 24-27. No new matter has been added.

Interview summary

Applicant's attorney greatly appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Trieu during the course of an interview conducted on July 13, 2004.

In the interview, Examiner Trieu and Applicant's attorney agreed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103(a) would be overcome if the subject matter of claims 24-27 were to be incorporated in claims 1, 10, and 18, respectively.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103(a)

As agreed to in the interview, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claims 24-27 in claims 1, 10, and 18, respectively. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103(a) have been overcome.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the

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application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM # 080437.50921US).

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